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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF CLASS ROOMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of classrooms in proportion to the number of students in Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the steps taken to construct additional classrooms in these schools;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch a scheme for improving the quality of education at secondary level;

(d) if so,the salient features and funding pattern for the scheme;

(e) whether the children who are receiving primary education through'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' would be covered for secondary education as well;and

(f) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) Education is a concurrent subject and most of the secondary and senior secondary schools come under the purview of the State Governments.A new centrally sponsored scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of education at secondary stage has been proposed with the objective to provide additional facilities including additional classrooms through sharing of costs between Central and State Governments.The proposal envisages enhancing access to secondary education by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation,through strengthening of existing secondary schools and setting up of new secondary schools.

(e) & (f) Yes,Sir.The rationale of the scheme is to cater t o the additional demand for secondary education as a result of implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.